

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing a method of forming a data structure representing an email comprising a body having at least one related and previously sent email, each previously sent email being represented in the body of the email as a body object, each of the email and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content based on license terms specified in a digital license, whereby a recipient of the email can render the protected content of each of the email and each body object therein by acquiring the digital with a corresponding license if the recipient satisfies and satisfying the license terms set forth in the digital license.

18. (Original) The medium of claim 17 wherein each previously sent email was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object in the body of the email is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

19. (Original) The medium of claim 17 wherein the body has a plurality of related and previously sent emails, the plurality of previously sent emails being represented in the body of the email as a plurality of serially arranged body objects.

20. (Original) The medium of claim 17 wherein the body has a plurality of related and previously sent emails, the plurality of previously sent emails being represented in the body of the email as a plurality of nested body objects.

21. (Original) The medium of claim 17 wherein the at least one related and previously sent email is split into multiple parts, each part being represented in the body of

the email as a body object, each of the email and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content.

22. (Original) The medium of claim 21 wherein the at least one related and previously sent email was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object of each part in the body of the email is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

23. (Original) The medium of claim 21 wherein a portion of the body is interposed between a pair of the multiple parts of the previously sent email, the portion comprising a comment on such previously sent email.

24. (Original) The medium of claim 23 wherein the portion is a body object.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing a method of forming a data structure ~~e~~omprising a document comprising a body having at least one defined portion therein, each defined portion being represented in the body of the document as a body object, each of the document and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content based on license terms specified in a digital license, whereby a recipient of the document can render the protected content of each of the document and each body object therein by acquiring the digital ~~with a corresponding~~ license if the recipient satisfies and satisfying the license terms set forth in the digital license.

26. (Original) The medium of claim 25 wherein each defined portion was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object in the body of the document is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

27. (Original) The medium of claim 25 wherein the body has a plurality of defined portions therein, the plurality of defined portions being represented in the body of the document as a plurality of serially arranged body objects.

28. (Original) The medium of claim 25 wherein the body has a plurality of defined portions therein, the plurality of defined portions being represented in the body of the document as a plurality of nested body objects.

29. (Original) The medium of claim 25 wherein the at least one defined portion is split into multiple parts, each part being represented in the body of the document as a body object, each of the document and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content.

30. (Original) The medium of claim 29 wherein the at least one defined portion was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object of each part in the body of the document is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

31. (Original) The medium of claim 29 wherein a portion of the body is interposed between a pair of the multiple parts of the defined portion, the body portion comprising a comment on such defined portion.

32. (Original) The medium of claim 31 wherein the body portion is a body object.

33. (New) A method of forming an email comprising forming a body having at least one related and previously sent email, each previously sent email being represented in the body of the email as a body object, each of the email and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content based on license terms specified in a digital license, whereby a recipient of the email can render the protected content of each of the email and

each body object therein by acquiring the digital license and satisfying the license terms set forth in the digital license.

34. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein each previously sent email was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object in the body of the email is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

35. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein the body has a plurality of related and previously sent emails, further comprising representing the plurality of previously sent emails in the body of the email as a plurality of serially arranged body objects.

36. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein the body has a plurality of related and previously sent emails, further comprising representing the plurality of previously sent emails in the body of the email as a plurality of nested body objects.

37. (New) The method of claim 33 further comprising splitting the at least one related and previously sent email into multiple parts and representing each part in the body of the email as a body object, each of the email and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content.

38. (New) The method of claim 37 wherein the at least one related and previously sent email was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object of each part in the body of the email is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

39. (New) The method of claim 37 further comprising interposing a portion of the body between a pair of the multiple parts of the previously sent email, the portion comprising a comment on such previously sent email.

40. (New) The method of claim 39 wherein the portion is a body object.

41. (New) A method of forming a document comprising forming a body having at least one defined portion therein, each defined portion being represented in the body of the document as a body object, each of the document and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content based on license terms specified in a digital license, whereby a recipient of the document can render the protected content of each of the document and each body object therein by acquiring the digital license and satisfying the license terms set forth in the digital license.

42. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein each defined portion was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object in the body of the document is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

43. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein the body has a plurality of defined portions therein, further comprising representing the plurality of defined portions in the body of the document as a plurality of serially arranged body objects.

44. (New) The method of claim 41 wherein the body has a plurality of defined portions therein, further comprising representing the plurality of defined portions in the body of the document as a plurality of nested body objects.

45. (New) The method of claim 41 further comprising splitting the at least one defined portion into multiple parts and representing each part in the body of the document as a body object, each of the document and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content.

46. (New) The method of claim 45 wherein the at least one defined portion was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object of each part in the body of the document is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

47. (New) The method of claim 45 further comprising interposing a portion of the body between a pair of the multiple parts of the defined portion, the body portion comprising a comment on such defined portion.

48. (New) The method of claim 47 wherein the body portion is a body object.

49. (New) A computing system programmed so as to form an email comprising a body having at least one related and previously sent email, each previously sent email being represented in the body of the email as a body object, each of the email and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content based on license terms specified in a digital license, whereby a recipient of the email can render the protected content of each of the email and each body object therein by acquiring the digital license and satisfying the license terms set forth in the digital license.

50. (New) The system of claim 49 wherein each previously sent email was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object in the body of the email is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

51. (New) The system of claim 49 wherein the body has a plurality of related and previously sent emails, the plurality of previously sent emails being represented in the body of the email as a plurality of serially arranged body objects.

52. (New) The system of claim 49 wherein the body has a plurality of related and previously sent emails, the plurality of previously sent emails being represented in the body of the email as a plurality of nested body objects.

53. (New) The system of claim 49 wherein the at least one related and previously sent email is split into multiple parts, each part being represented in the body of the email as a

body object, each of the email and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content.

54. (New) The system of claim 53 wherein the at least one related and previously sent email was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object of each part in the body of the email is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

55. (New) The system of claim 53 wherein a portion of the body is interposed between a pair of the multiple parts of the previously sent email, the portion comprising a comment on such previously sent email.

56. (New) The system of claim 55 wherein the portion is a body object.

57. (New) A computing system programmed so as to form a document comprising a body having at least one defined portion therein, each defined portion being represented in the body of the document as a body object, each of the document and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content based on license terms specified in a digital license, whereby a recipient of the document can render the protected content of each of the document and each body object therein by acquiring the digital license and satisfying the license terms set forth in the digital license.

58. (New) The system of claim 57 wherein each defined portion was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object in the body of the document is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

59. (New) The system of claim 57 wherein the body has a plurality of defined portions therein, the plurality of defined portions being represented in the body of the document as a plurality of serially arranged body objects.

60. (New) The system of claim 57 wherein the body has a plurality of defined portions therein, the plurality of defined portions being represented in the body of the document as a plurality of nested body objects.

61. (New) The system of claim 57 wherein the at least one defined portion is split into multiple parts, each part being represented in the body of the document as a body object, each of the document and each body object therein being rights-managed as protected content.

62. (New) The system of claim 61 wherein the at least one defined portion was itself rights-managed as protected content according to predefined rights data, and wherein the corresponding body object of each part in the body of the document is also rights-managed as protected content according to the same predefined rights data.

63. (New) The system of claim 61 wherein a portion of the body is interposed between a pair of the multiple parts of the defined portion, the body portion comprising a comment on such defined portion.

64. (New) The system of claim 63 wherein the body portion is a body object.